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Applicants : H. ICHIKAWA et al.  
Serial No. : 10/527,809  
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For : METHOD OF REDUCTION TREATMENT OF METAL OXIDES  
OR STEELMAKING WASTE AND METHOD OF  
CONCENTRATING AND RECOVERING ZINC AND/OR LEAD

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2007.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.